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Listing of Claims

Claims 1 – 22 (canceled).

23. (currently amended) A treated nonwoven fabric comprising a first surface and a second, opposing surface wherein the first surface comprises a non-ionic fluoropolymer and the second surface that comprises an antistatic agent.

24. (currently amended) The nonwoven fabric of Claim-24 Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric is a laminate or a portion of a laminate.

25. (original) An infection control product comprising a nonwoven fabric laminate of Claim 24.

Claims 26 – 27 (canceled).

28. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the hydrostatic head value of the treated nonwoven fabric is decreased by no more than 45 percent relative to the hydrostatic head value of an untreated nonwoven fabric.

29. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 28 wherein the hydrostatic head value of the treated nonwoven fabric is decreased by no more than 30 percent relative to the hydrostatic head value of an untreated nonwoven fabric.

30. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 29 wherein the hydrostatic head value of the treated nonwoven fabric is decreased by no more than 25 percent relative to the hydrostatic head value of an untreated nonwoven fabric.

31. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 30 wherein the hydrostatic head value of the treated nonwoven fabric is decreased by no more than 15 percent relative to the hydrostatic head value of an untreated nonwoven fabric.

32. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric is selected from the group consisting of spunbond fabrics, meltblown fabrics and laminates thereof.

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33. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the antistatic agent is an organic phosphate ester.
34. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric has a hydrostatic head value of greater than 45 mBar as measured by Federal Test Standard 191A, Method 5514.
35. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric has an alcohol repellency of at least 70 percent as measured by INDA Standard Test No. IST 80.9-74 (R-82) and a hydrostatic head value of greater than 45 mBar as measured by Federal Test Standard 191A, Method 5514.
36. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric has an alcohol repellency of at least 75 percent as measured by INDA Standard Test No. IST 80.9-74 (R-82) and a hydrostatic head value of greater than 45 mBar as measured by Federal Test Standard 191A, Method 5514.
37. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric is an infection control fabric that is or comprises a spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate, a spunbond/film/spunbond laminate, a spunbond/film/spunbond/meltblown/spunbond laminate or a spunbond/film/film/spunbond laminate.
38. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the nonwoven fabric is a laminate that comprises at least one spunbond layer and at least one meltblown layer.
39. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the non-ionic fluoropolymer is selected from the group consisting of fluoroalkyl acrylate homopolymers, fluoroalkyl acrylate copolymers, fluorinated siloxanes, fluorinated silicones, fluorinated urethanes, and mixtures thereof.
40. (new) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 23 wherein the non-ionic fluoropolymer is a non-ionic fluoroalkyl acrylate copolymer.